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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, EFIN, JM

SUBJECT:EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH IBA

REF: KINGSTON 1990

1. GUDA'S REQUEST MAY HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. IBA
ECONOMIST HILYARD TELEPHONED ST JOHN MAY 3 TO INFORM US
THAT HE, THE IBA STATISTICIAN, AND THE IBA SCIENTIFIC
ADVISOR WILL VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 9-12. AT HIS REQUEST WE
ARE ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH TECHNICAL LEVEL PEOPLE IN
BUREAU OF MINES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ELSEWHERE,
AND LOOK FORWARD TO A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. WE ASSUME
IBA VISITORS WILL PURSUE THEIR REQUEST FOR DATA MENTIONED
REFTEL IN THE COURSE OF THESE MEETINGS. BUREAU OF MINES
INFORMS US THAT MUCH OF THE DESIRED DATA IS AVAILABLE
ALTHOUGH THE DIVERSITY OF SOURCES AND TIME REQUIRED
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FOR COMPILATION WILL PROBABLY CONSTRAIN THE IBA'S ABILITY
TO OBTAIN IT.

2. AS YOU KNOW, IN APRIL 14 MEETING WITH IBA STAFFERS,
ST JOHN AND WESSNER ALLUDED TO POTENTIAL USEFULNESS OF
REGULAR AND CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS, FOR THE MOST PART
AT THE WORKING LEVEL, AMONG GOVERNMENTS OF MAJOR

BAUXITE PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES, AND THE IBA. QUITE APART FROM THIS WE HAVE FOUND IT MUTUALLY USEFUL AND NATURAL FROM TIME TO TIME TO HAVE OPEN BILATERAL CONTACT WITH GROUPS OF WHICH WE ARE NOT MEMBERS SUCH AS THE IBA, AT BOTH THE TECHNICAL AND THE POLICY LEVELS.

3. WE DO, HOWEVER, SEE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN ATTEMPTING TO CARRY ON CONTACTS OF ANY FREQUENCY OR REGULARITY IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF SECRECY. IN THE COURSE OF ANY OPEN CONTACT EITHER PARTY MIGHT AT TIMES WANT TO DISCUSS CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONFIDENCE; BUT AS TO KEEPING CONFIDENTIAL THE CONTACTS THEMSELVES, WE FEEL THIS COULD LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDING. NATURALLY THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH EMBASSY WHENEVER THESE MIGHT BE USEFUL.

4. IF YOU CONCUR, PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF THE ABOVE TO GUDA AND REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT REACTIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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